(b) will it be possible to remove 100 per cent unemployment by 2015; and

(c) if not, what are the major schemes under cosideration for employment and likely achievement in provision of employment in different levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Millennium Declaration adopted by the General Assembly of United States in September 2000 reaffirmed its commitment to the right to development, peace, security and gender equality, to the eradication of many dimensions of poverty and to overall sustainable development. These are intended for the Member Countries to take efforts in the fight against poverty, illiteracy, hunger, lack of education, gender inequality, infant and maternal mortality, disease and environmental degradation.

The approach paper to 11th Five Year Plan envisages creation of 70 million job opportunities in the next five years. It also provides a framework to restructure policies to achieve a new vision based on faster, more broad based and inclusive growth. It aims at making employment generation an integral part of the growth process and devise strategies to accelerate not only growth of employment but also wages of the poorly paid.

Besides, Government of India has been implementing various employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes in both rural and urban areas to increase employment opportunities. Some of these are: Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY); Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP); Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.

Abolition of contract labour system in depots/godowns of FCI

724. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Advisory contract Labour Board in its 66th Meeting on 24th May, 2006, recommended immediate abolition of contract labour system in 20 depots/godowns of Food Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, the names of the depots and action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations, depot-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Missing documents of assets of IIWE, Mumbai

725. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the original documents of the ownership of the site and building of the Indian Institute of Workers Education, Mumbai are missing;

(b) if so, the action taken against the responsible officers;

(c) what steps are being taken to safeguard the original documents of the assets of the CBWE (Central Board for Workers' Education) all over the country; and

(d) what are the reasons for the inordinate delay in the beginning of the constructions of the new building in the IIWE premises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The documents which were not traceable were reported to have been lost during the floods in Mumbai in July, 2005. Now all the requisite papers/documents have been obtained from the Collectorate.

(c) The original documents of other offices of CBWE are under safe custody. The Head Office of CBWE is also keeping one set of property documents of all the lands/buildings owned by them.

(d) Retrieval of documents which were reported to be lost during floods in Mumbai, from concerned Collectorate took considerable time. National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC), is in the process of obtaining approvals from Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) and Mithi River Authority and will start, construction very shortly on receipt of necessary approvals.

National convention of children

726. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has formulated any plan to tackle the child labour in the country;

(b) whether any National convention of Children was held in Bhubaneshwar during the month of November, 2007 on Child Labour;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the recommendations made for the welfare of child labour; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the above recommendations in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has been following a comprehensive National Policy on Child Labour. It comprises of strict legislative measures, general development programmes for benefiting child labour and their families and project based action plan in areas of high concentration of child labour.

(b) No such Convention of children was held in Bhubaneshwar during the month of November, 2007 on child labour, under the aegis of the Union Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Bonded labourers freed

†727. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whther bonded labourers in the country have been made free during the last three years; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.